

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. Applicant kindly acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 5-10 and 12-14 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims, and accordingly, these claims have been so amended herein.


Claims 1, 2 and 11 stand rejected based upon Creek and/or Van Buskirk. Claim 1 has, however, been amended to provide that the layers are in contact with each other along one or more portions where the inserts are not located. None of the references provide for an insulation material having a plurality of layers with inserts which are compressible and contain voids positioned therebetween, and with the layers contacting each other in the spaces between the inserts. Each of Creek and Van Buskirk instead show non-contacting layers. There is simply nothing in these references taken alone or in combination which teach or suggest the insulation materials as claimed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance a notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,  
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